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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

FEE CALCULATION	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	MINUS	26	3	\$18	\$ 54.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	2	3	\$84	\$ 252.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>December 5, 2001</u> to and through <u>February 28, 2002</u> , for an extension of: <input type="checkbox"/> One month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$400) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$920) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1440)						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:						\$ 306.00

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- No additional fee is required.
- Payment of \$ 306.00 by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 28, 2002.

  
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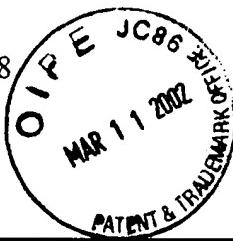
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 5, 2001, please amend this application as

follows:

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D1 FC:102  
D2 FC:102252.00 DP  
54.00 DPIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by way of replacement of the noted paragraph, as follows.

A marked-up version of the amended specification is provided in an Appendix submitted herewith.

Page 9, last paragraph spanning to page 10, substitute therefor:

After the attachment device 301 is placed into service and allowed to interact with other attachment devices as will be described, its memory will contain additional information, i.e. that information in Fig. 3, shown at the right. This information is divided into two exemplary

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